## **Amendments to the Claims:**

- 1. (once amended) A fired ceramic moulded body, made of a composition which comprises at least one purely magnesitic component and at least one component containing CaO, all in a grain size < 8 mm, and which composition has the following oxidic analysis:
  - a) 50 to 90 % by weight MgO,
  - b) 8 to 40 % by weight CaO,
  - c) 1 to 8 % by weight  $Fe_2O_3$ ,
  - d) up to 10 % by weight others,

the sum total of a) to d) being 100 % by weight, providing, after firing the moulded body having a test value  $T_{0.5}$  according to DIN EN 993-8 (1997) of between 1,400 and 1,700 °C, and comprising dicalciumferrite.

- 2. (currently amended) Moulded body according to claim 2 with a  $\frac{1}{100}$  density of > 3 g/cm<sup>3</sup>.
- 3. (previously presented) Moulded body according to claim 1 with an open porosity of < 14 % by volume.
- 4. (previously presented) Moulded body according to claim 1 in which the purely magnesitic component has a degree of purity of > 90 % by weight MgO.

5. (currently amended) Process for the production of a fired ceramic,  $Fe_2O_3$  comprising moulded body, with a test value  $F_{0,5}$  according to DIN EN 993-8 (1997) of between 1400 °C and 1700 °C, the process comprising:

forming a moulded body using according to which a composition is used, comprising at least one purely magnesitic component and at least one component containing CaO, all in a grain size of < 8 mm and which composition has the following oxidic analysis:

- a) 50 to 90 % by weight of MgO,
- b) 8 to 40 % by weight of CaO,
- c) 1 to 8 % by weight of  $Fe_2O_3$ ,
- d) up to 10 % by weight others, the total sum of a) to d) being 100 %, and

firing the composition at a temperature > 1400° C, which firing forms forming dicalciumferrite as a secondary phase after firing at a temperature > 1400° C.

- 6. (previously presented) Process according to claim 5 in which at least one CaO-containing component of the composition has a grain size of > 2 mm.
- 7. (previously presented) Process according to claim 5 in which at least one CaO-containing component of the composition has a grain size of < 5 mm.

- 8. (currently amended) Process according to claim 5 in which the MgO-containing purely magnesitic component of the composition with has a degree of purity of > 90 % by weight has and a grain size of < 5 mm.
- 9. (currently amended) Process according to claim 5 in which the MgO-containing purely magnesitic component of the composition with has a degree of purity of > 90 % by weight has and a grain size of < 2 mm.
- 10. (currently amended) Process according to claim 5 in which the MgO-containing purely magnesitic component of the composition with has a degree of purity of > 90 % by weight has and a grain size of < 0.3 mm.
- 11. (currently amended) Process according to claim 5 in which the mean grain size  $(d_{50})$  of the CaO-containing component of the composition is greater than the mean grain size  $(d_{50})$  of the MgO-containing purely magnesitic component of the composition with a degree of purity > 90 % by weight.
- 12. (currently amended) Process according to claim 5 in which the grain size  $(d_{95})$  of the CaO-containing component of the composition is greater than the grain size  $(d_{95})$  of the  $\frac{MgO-containing purely magnesitic}{MgO-containing purely magnesitic}$  component of the composition with a degree of purity of > 90 % by weight.

- 13. (previously presented) Process according to claim 5 in which at least one CaO-containing component of the composition has a grain size of < 1 mm.
- 14. (previously presented) Process according to claim 5 in which at least one CaO-containing component of the composition has a grain size of < 0.3 mm.
- 15. (previously presented) Process according to claim 5 with a  $Fe_2O_3$  content of the composition of > 1.5 % by weight.
- 16. (previously presented) Process according to claim 5 with a  $Fe_2O_3$  content of the composition of > 2 % by weight.
- 17. (previously presented) Process according to claim 5 with a proportion of an MgO-CaO fused grain component in the composition.
- 18. (previously presented) Process according to claim 5 in which the oxidic analysis of the composition exhibits at least one of the following oxides: MnO, TiO<sub>2</sub>, ZrO<sub>2</sub>, SiO<sub>2</sub>.
- 19. (previously presented) Process according to claim 5, in which the purely magnesitic component has a degree of purity of > 90 % by weight.

20. (currently amended) Process according to claim 5, comprising Use of a moulded body according to claim 1 for lining of a rotary kiln using the moulded body.